Dear Parents,

As we draw to the end of our school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who made this year a memorable one.

The year has presented us with many challenges as we strive to provide the best education possible for your children. I extend my gratitude and thanks to all staff for the part they have played in making 2013 a successful year. Thanks also to Fr. Pius who has been a great support to me. Let us pray that Fr. Pius in turn will receive our support and co-operation from the school community for the remainder of 2013 and beyond. I am sure St. Peter’s will continue to move forward and develop as a strong faith community.

Thank you most sincerely to those parents who have given their time in many different ways – by helping in the canteen, assisting the class teachers, supervising at excursions and other school functions. I hope the Thank-You afternoon we shared today will go in some small way as a token of our appreciation.

I would also like to thank the committees of the Parish for their continued support. To the School Education Board, your efforts and support during the year has been greatly valued. Thank you also to the Parents and Friends Association for their hard work in raising money and improving the school’s facilities and technology hardware, and we look forward to next year’s projects. Thank you also to the Ladies Auxiliary for all you have done to assist the school, especially in running the Canteen and always being on hand to assist with catering at important functions. I leave you with a prayer from Elizabeth Jennings that invites us to ponder the Magi’s extraordinary visit to the child and his mother.

But she spoke, so he looked at her, she was shy and simple and young;
She said,"Sir, it is a most beautiful fragrance of all flowering things together;"
But Kasper knew the seal of the jar was unbroken,
he did not know whether she knew the fragrance came from the bundle of myrrh she held in her arms.

Finally a special thank you to all the children, it is the love and respect of the children that makes teaching such a worthwhile profession.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the Peace and Joy that Christmas brings and a happy and safe holiday with your families.

Kind Regards,

Michael McGrath
Principal
REMINDERS
2013
Friday 13 December Grade 6 Final Day
Monday 16 December End of Year School Mass, 3.15pm Dismissal
Tuesday 17 December Maths Testing Prep – Grade 4/Grade 5 Leadership Sessions (Final Day)

2014
Thursday 30 January Grades One – Six commence school at 8.45am
Friday 31 January Preps will attend school from 8.45am to 12.00 noon
Monday 3 February Swimming commences – Grade Three to Grade Six
Wednesday 5 February Grades Prep and One (No school on this day)
Wednesday 12 February Grades Prep and One (No school on this day)
Wednesday 19 February Grades Prep and One (No school on this day)
Wednesday 26 February Grades Prep and One (No school on this day)

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If you wish to change your preferred method of payment please contact the office.

TERM DATES FOR 2014
Term 1 – Thursday 30 January – Thursday 4 April
Term 2 – Tuesday 22 April – Friday 27 June
Term 3 - Monday 14 July – Friday 19 September (Easter 18-21 April)
Term 4 – Monday 6 October – Friday 19 December

LAST WEEK’S WINNERS - ‘SHOWING CONFIDENCE’

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CANTEEN
The Canteen will be open on Monday, 16th December and will be selling basic sandwiches, subs, rolls and icy poles. The Canteen will not be open on Tuesday, 17th December.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE – 2014
Application forms are now available from the office. To be eligible for EMA in 2014 your Health Care Card / Pension Card must be valid as at 28th January 2014. Application forms must be lodged at the school by 28th February 2014.

CDF AND DOLLARMITE BANKING
CDF and Dollarmite banking are now closed for this year. We will resume banking on Monday, 10th February 2014.

PARENTS & FRIENDS
The Parents & Friends would like to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped throughout 2013 at our many events. Thank you also to the many people and companies who supported us with donations for our raffles and stalls. Finally, thank you to the teachers, parents and school community for supporting the Parents and Friends. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
This year the Honour Roll is only available online. To view a personalised video and download your own congratulatory front page of The AGE visit: www.prchonourroll.com.au and follow the links.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)
The OSHC program will be operating on Tuesday 17th December for the full day. Cost $27.50 per child. If you require care, please register with the program ASAP.

Wishing all our families a Peaceful Christmas and A New Year full of God’s Blessings

REMANDER
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.15PM ON MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER EXCEPT FOR THE GRADE FIVE STUDENTS WHO FINISH AT 3.15PM ON TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2013
GRADE 5 STUDENTS

GRADE 5 LEADERSHIP DAY TUESDAY 17th DECEMBER

Next Tuesday 17th December, the Grade 5 will be attending the Leadership Day. All students are expected to attend. This day prepares the Grade 5’s to be the Leaders of the School. An important part of this is to lead by example. The day will consist of sessions outlining the expectations of Grade 6 students, role descriptions, how to be a good role model and fun activities.

DATE Tuesday 17 December
TIME 8.45-3.15
DRESS Sport Uniform and hat
FOOD Bring snack, lunch and drink

Students will be taken out for Maths testing throughout the day.
*** This is the last day of school for the Grade 5 students.

SLEEPING BAG FOUND
There has been a sleeping bag not claimed after camp. It is a navy blue one with a grey inner lining in a black bag. The brand is Wild Country Equator hood. It is in Lost Property at the moment.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost Property has been quite an issue in that the container has been overflowing all year. I go through it regularly and return named items to their owners but it is very frustrating that over 80% of items are not named. I will look through it again this week and return items with names.

If you have lost items this year, please go to Lost Property and take an un-named item of the appropriate size to replace it. Any clothing in Lost Property at the end of the term will be given to the Ladies Auxiliary to sell. Please assist by making sure that all items are labelled next year and please remember to re label if you have bought items second hand.

Pattie McCusker